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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 708  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Florence Slavin on her meritorious  
service to Tennessee state government and to  
the U.S. military.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay  
tribute to those exemplary citizens who have unselfishly sacrificed personal gain to ensure the  
continued health and prosperity of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Florence Slavin, who adroitly served the good people of Tennessee for  
forty-two years as a dedicated state employee, is most assuredly one such citizen who is  
deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Miss Slavin began her distinguished career with state government in 1946  
as a Senior Stenographer for the Department of Military, and concluded her exemplary state  
service in 1990 as Executive Assistant to State Treasurer Steve Adams; and

WHEREAS, her illustrious term of service included tenures as Secretary to Mr. Thomas  
Johnson, Executive Director for the Tennessee Legislative Council Committee; Secretary to the  
Honorable James L. Bomar, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; Executive Secretary  
to Commissioner of Personnel W.S. "Tick" Uhlhorn; and Executive Secretary to Major Hugh B.  
Mott, The Adjutant General; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and intelligence as Executive Secretary for the  
Director of Retirement in the Treasury Department from February 1973 until Mr. Adams

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ascended to the office of State Treasurer in January 1987, at which time she assumed the multitudinous duties of his Executive Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Slavin's sterling career spanned six governors, as she worked closely with such luminaries as the Honorable Thomas A. Wiseman, then State Treasurer and now a retired Federal Judge, and the Honorable Harlan Matthews, first Commissioner of Finance and Administration, then State Treasurer and now a former U.S. Senator; and

WHEREAS, after taking her much deserved retirement, Miss Slavin worked part-time for the State Treasurer in 1991 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, she is presently an outstanding session employee of the Senate Engrossing Clerk, Deb Stutz; and

WHEREAS, during the dark days of World War II, Florence Slavin quit her job in January 1943 to enlist in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, eventually making her way to the war's European Theater; and

WHEREAS, she was a dedicated and accomplished member of the 169<sup>th</sup> WAC Detachment of the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Division of the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force and the First WAAC Separate Battalion; and

WHEREAS, her valiant and astute service earned her receipt of the WAAC Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the EAMET Campaign Medal with 6 Bronze Service Stars; and

WHEREAS, at the dedication of the World War II Memorial on the Tennessee Bicentennial Mall on November 11, 1997, Ms. Slavin was the only female Tennessean to have been honored by the French government for her gallant service during the Normandy invasion, as she received the Normandy Medal from the People of La Manche, France; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Slavin has served her fellow veterans with devotion and compassion as a valuable member of American Legion Post 5 for fifty-two years; and

WHEREAS, her remarkable record with American Legion Post 5 includes meritorious service as Assistant Adjutant for one term, as Finance Officer for five terms, as Vice-Commander for one term; as the only woman to ever serve as Commander; and as an important member of the Executive Committee for twenty remarkable terms; and

WHEREAS, Florence Slavin's exceptionally selfless service to this state and this nation as an adept soldier and as a public-spirited citizen serves as an outstanding example we would all do well to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Florence Slavin has distinguished herself as an exemplary public servant, and her life of purpose and commitment should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Florence Slavin upon forty-two years as a diligent and astute employee of the State of Tennessee and commend her ongoing service to this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we salute Ms. Slavin's courageous service as a member of the U.S. armed forces during World War II and applaud her much deserved receipt of the Normandy Medal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.